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: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Miss Holmes

OM : A. Rosen

BJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Director's Office advised General Investigative Division Duty Agent at 6:30 p.m., 5-16-68, that [redacted], Northwest, Apartment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] had called and asked for the Director. [redacted] stated that he was a personal friend of the Director and Mr. Tolson. He was advised of the Director's absence, at which time he furnished the following information.

[redacted] stated that while in the Town & Country Lounge of the Mayflower Hotel about five or six months ago a man sat next to him with his back to a post. [redacted] began talking to this person who identified himself as [redacted] (phonetic). They had a couple of drinks and during the course of their conversation, [redacted] told him that he had just been released from prison. [redacted] then asked [redacted] how much money he had and [redacted] replied - $20.00. [redacted] then asked why [redacted] was spending $1.00 per drink if he only had $20.00. [redacted] stated that he wanted to know how bartenders mixed drinks in high-class bars.

[redacted] continued, stating that he felt [redacted] had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him a meal and [redacted] accepted. After leaving the hotel, they stopped at a cafe on 16th and M Streets, bought two cups of coffee and for no reason at all, [redacted] said to [redacted] "you're a copper" and said that he [redacted] had a gun in his pocket and if he [redacted] followed him, [redacted] would shoot him. [redacted] did not report the incident to the Metropolitan Police Department. [redacted] stated that he was thankful that he was not shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

[redacted] stated that the purpose of the call was to advise the Director that he believes [redacted] is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray and feels that Ray may possibly come back to Washington.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Bureau files contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]

The above information was furnished to the Washington Field Office (WFO) who immediately contacted [redacted] He stated he preferred to be interviewed on the morning of 5-17-68. WFO has advised that he will be thoroughly interviewed and shown Bureau photographs of Ray to determine if Ray is identical with the man he met.

ACTION:

WFO will immediately advise the Bureau results of their interview of [redacted] on 5-17-68, and you will be advised.